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SUBJECT: USSR-JAPAN NUCLEAR HARDWARE NEGOTIATIONS

1. NOVEMBER 6 MAINIHI (JAPANESE EDITION) CARRIED AN ARTICLE INDICATING THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE JAPANESE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY ON THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT EXCEPT CORES FOR TEN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AT A VALUE OF ABOUT US \$1.6B.

2. THE SOVIET UNION REPORTEDLY PLAN TO CONSTRUCT 1,000 MWE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE EUROPEAN SECTOR OF THE COUNTRY. LATE LAST YEAR, THE SOVIET UNION SOUNDED OUT JAPANESE INDUSTRY ABOUT IMPORTING SOME OF THOSE PLANTS. EARLY LAST AUGUST, DELEGATES FROM THE INDUSTRY INFORMALLY NEGOTIATED AT MOSCOW. THE JAPANESE DELEGATES TO MOSCOW WERE FROM MHI, IHI, HITACHI, JAPAN STEEL MFG. AND FUJI ELECTRIC. THE SOVIET SIDE PROPOSED THAT JAPAN PREPARE REACTOR PRESSURE VESSELS, EQUIPMENT INCIDENTAL TO THE REACTOR CORES STEAM GENERATORS PIPES, VALVES AND PUMPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DETAILED DESIGNS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. THE FIVE JAPANESE COMPANIES HAVE RECENTLY CONCLUDED THAT THEY WILL BE TECHNICALLY CAPABLE OF MEETING THE SOVIET REQUIREMENTS. THE JAPANESE INDUSTRY IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE SOVIET OFFER IS

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BASED ON THE NEED FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO SECURE ENERGY UNDER

THE TENTH FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (STARTING NEXT YEAR) WITHOUT REDUCING EXPORTS TO EAST EUROPE.

3. THE PROBLEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE SOVIET UNION IS CONTACTING WEST GERMANY, TOO. THERE WILL MOST LIKELY BE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

(2) NUCLEAR POWER PLANT EQUIPMENT IS SUBJECT TO COCOM REGULATIONS.

(3) U.S. TECHNOLOGY IS INVOLVED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT.

ON 2 ABOVE, THE JAPANESE INDUSTRY BELIEVES THAT THERE WILL BE NO TRANSFER OF US TECHNOLOGY INTO THE SOVIET UNION SINCE

(1) US TECHNOLOGY HAS ALREADY BEEN DIGESTED INTO JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY, AND (2) THE ORDER WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOVIET DETAILED DESIGNS. AS FOR THE THIRD POINT, THE INDUSTRY POINTS OUT THAT THE COCOM REGULATIONS ARE ON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT SYSTEMS AS A WHOLE AND NOT ON SPECIFIC PARTS. THE FIVE JAPANESE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY GROUPS ARE GOING TO ESTABLISH A SETUP UNDER WHICH THEY WILL JOINTLY ACCEPT THE SOVIET ORDER AND UNDERTAKE MANUFACTURING ON A DIVISION-OF-WORK BASIS.

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